Television sets under the scheme sponsored by Government in order to create mass awareness of the family welfare programme;

(b) the number of villages which have been provided with Television sets so far;

(c) the number of additional Television sets likely to be provided by the end of the current financial year; and

(d) what is the criteria adopted for sanctioning of the Television sets?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Eight hundred eighty nine (889) Community Viewing TV sets were provided by Doordarshan under a VI Plan scheme for installation in selected villages in the districts of Nagpur, Bhandara, Chandrapur and Gadhchiroli in Maharashtra. 251 TV sets were provided earlier during 1976 for the districts of Greater Bombay and Pune.

(c) and (d) The VII Plan of Doordarshan does not have any scheme for deployment of TV sets for community viewing except in North-Eatern region.

**Foodgrain production**

1342. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the foodgrains production in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) what was the expected downfall in production last year due to drought and what was the actual decline therein; and

(c) what are the projections in this regard for the year 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) All India production of foodgrains during the last three years is as under:

| Year | Production (Million tons.) |
|---|---|
| 1985-86 | 150.4 |
| 1986-87 | 144.1 |
| 1987-88 (Provisional) | 137.0 |

(b) The decline in production due to drought during 1987-88 over previous year is currently assessed at about 4.9 per cent, as compared to the earlier expected downfall in the range of 7 to 10 per cent.

(c) Since the crop year 1988-89 has just commenced, it is not possible to project the likely production of foodgrains. However, rainfall during the South-West Monsoon season so far (Ist June to 31st July) during the current year has been normal/excess in the entire country and prospects for foodgrains production are quite good.

**Sale of spurious fertilizers**

1343. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the caption "spurious fertilizers sale continues in Uttar Pradesh" which appeared in the Indian Express of the 20th July, 1988;

(b) whether the sale of spurious and substandard fertilizers is prevalent in all parts of the country;

(c) whether due to use of spurious fertilisers, the farmers are being cheated; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to unearth the manufacturing of spurious fertilizers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Some reports are received from time to time regarding sale of sub-standard fertilizers.